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AND APPARATUS FOR ELONGATING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2008, please consider the following:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**